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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Five-year welfare cap hits Michigan Supreme Court

"Michigan's enforcement of a five-year limit on welfare benefits is on the docket [Thursday] at the Michigan Supreme Court.... In June, the state appeals court said Gov. Rick Snyder's administration can enforce the federal limit, even if welfare recipients still might qualify for additional aid under other state rules."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Oakland Press and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Detroit Legal News: High court takes case of frozen sperm

"The birth of twins after artificial insemination brought joy to a southwestern Michigan woman whose husband had died just months earlier. Eleven years later, courts still are trying to determine whether the children qualify for thousands of dollars in public aid."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson County Legal News: Question before High Court: Can children conceived after father's death receive benefits?

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News.

Oakland County Legal News: Mich. court takes case of frozen sperm, benefits

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Can woman sue for mental anguish after oil company destroys her house? Michigan Supreme Court to decide

"The case of a Lansing-area woman whose home was destroyed when a company mistakenly pumped nearly 400 gallons of fuel oil into her basement could have implications across Michigan. The legal issue: Can people sue for mental anguish when their house is damaged or even made uninhabitable by another's negligence?"

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Can children conceived after father's death inherit under state's intestacy law? Supreme Court to consider issue of first impression in oral arguments Court also to hear challenge to DHS 60-month lifetime limit on family cash assistance

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Schuette asks court to reject bid to oust Roberts from DPS

"The Michigan Attorney General asked the state Court of Appeals on Thursday to deny a request to remove Roy Roberts as emergency financial manager of Detroit Public Schools, saying Public Act 72 remains in effect. Bill Schuette filed a 28-page response with the court, arguing that the repeal of Public Act 4, the state's former emergency manager law, revived PA 72, a previous version."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Farmington Hills Republican loses appeal tied to rival's 2010 TV campaign ad

"The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld Wednesday the dismissal of a defamation lawsuit brought by former congressional candidate Andrew (Rocky) Raczkowski over a 2010 TV campaign ad."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Court of Appeals affirms drop of Raczkowski suit (second article)

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Dismissal upheld in defamation lawsuit against U.S. Rep. Gary Peters over campaign ad

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Appeal denied in 2010 defamation suit between Gary Peters and Rocky Raczkowski

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Woman may get tougher sentence in infant's death (fourth article)

"[Emily Portellos,] a learning-disabled Plymouth Township woman, will get a new prison term on a 2010 murder conviction for discarding her newborn daughter in the trash after the state Court of Appeals ruled the trial judge may have been too lenient."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Parolee gets life in prison for killing of Macomb Township woman, 69

"In court Wednesday, Howard Eisenhardt had two messages -- one for the parolee being sentenced for murdering Eisenhardt's 69-year-old mother, the other for the justice system.... [Joseph] Reiner, 29, of Fraser was sentenced Wednesday by [Macomb County Circuit Judge Peter] Maceroni to life in prison without parole for first-degree murder."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Man gets life sentence in senior's death after attack

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: With video: Devil-horned tattoo killer sentenced to life in prison

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Detroit Free Press: Court: Michigan's ban on affirmative action is unconstitutional

"The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has declared unconstitutional Michigan's ban on affirmative action, which was approved by voters in a 2006 ballot initiative, Proposal 2."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan's affirmative action ban unconstitutional, appeals court rules

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Third Judicial Circuit Court to celebrate hundreds of adoptions

"The Third Judicial Circuit Court will hold its 10th Annual Michigan Adoption Day Program Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Erma Henderson Auditorium of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly will keynote the event."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News; Japanese jurist reports on success of new trial system using lay judges

"Lay judges, selected from the public, have been participating in trial proceedings in Japan for serious criminal matters, including death-penalty cases, since May 2009, and assessment of the new system shows it to be successful, according to Japanese Judge Mitsuaki Watanabe."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News and the Washtenaw County Legal News.

Ingham County Legal News: Congratulations 2012 ICBA award recipients

"On the evening of November 7th, the Lexington Lansing Hotel was the scene of the 118th Ingham County Bar Association annual dinner. The event is held each year to recognize and award outstanding lawyers and judges of the Ingham County legal community."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: New Michigan Bar Exam scoring causing a stir in legal community

"Nearly half the people who took the latest state exam for aspiring attorneys failed. Among first time test takers, just 62-percent passed; the lowest passage percentage in at least a decade. Many in the legal community are blaming the sharp drop on the new way the test score is calculated."

[Full story](#)

The Morning Sun: Klaus outlines goals before taking probate judgeship

"Clare attorney Marcy Klaus plans on maintaining the high level of service expected by the people of Clare and Gladwin counties when she takes the bench in probate court in January. Klaus won the Clare and Gladwin probate judgeship in last week's election, topping attorney Tara Hovey for the job Judge Thomas McLaughlin is leaving at the end of the year."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Desire to make a difference led judge to law

"... [Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole] Youngblood was elected to 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County in 1994 and was re-elected in 2000 and 2006. She retires from that court this month. In 1998 she ran unsuccessfully for the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Domestic violence victims share stories; awards presented WITH VIDEO

"... The stories of several of these victims were told in front of an audience by Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence, who presented the 2012 Oakland County Domestic Violence Prevention Awards Ceremony on Wednesday in the Oakland County Commissioners' Auditorium.... A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Judge Edward Sosnick of the Oakland County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: State Lawmakers Considering "Juvenile Lifer" Bills

"Juveniles convicted of murder in Michigan would no longer face mandatory life sentences under bills in the state House.... Courts across the state are looking to Lansing for guidance on how to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. Last month, the state Court of Appeals urged lawmakers to re-write the state's sentencing laws."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: State lawmakers introduce "juvenile lifers" bills

[Full story](#)